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1. The Chinese Communist government controls all lumber in "liberated" areas.

2. The boats built in Nanking* are now being inspected at the Pukou naval yards. They are made of wood with iron plates screwed on, and are about 10 feet long and 3 feet wide. The hulls are 4 to 6 inches thick. Several boats can be fastened together to hold large guns or articles. The boats, which will be carried on small warships, are relatively noiseless because they are wooden, and are not open to attack by mines or torpedoes**.

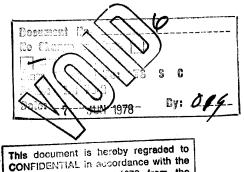
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<u>Comment</u>. Probable meaning is that the shallow draft of the boats guards them from mines and torpedoes.

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Comment. If this report is true, it indicates ignorance on the part of the Chinese Communists, because the use of such craft for the Taiwan invasion would lead to a crushing disaster for the Communists.



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